

RESPONSE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A portable electronic device comprising:
a memory;
a data interface port communicatively coupled to the memory; and
a portable housing unit integrated with and supporting the memory and data interface port, wherein at least a portion of the portable housing unit is formed as ~~includes~~ a locking retaining clip which in a first position facilitates insertion of ~~an a separate~~ article for retaining the portable housing unit, and in a second position locks the portable housing unit to the article.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein the locking retaining clip comprises a carabineer clip.
5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the portable electronic device comprises a digital camera.
6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the portable electronic device comprises an audio device.
7. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the audio device comprises an MP3 player.
8. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the memory comprises a flash memory and wherein the data interface port comprises a universal serial bus (USB) interface.

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9. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the portion of the portable housing unit forming the locking retaining clip is removable from a second portion of the housing unit integrated with the memory and data interface port.

10. (Currently amended) The device of claim 9 wherein the portion of the portable housing unit forming the locking retaining clip is configured as a protective cover for the data interface port.

11. (Currently amended) A portable media device comprising:
an electronic unit ~~including a data port~~; and
a housing configured to support the electronic unit, wherein at least a portion of said housing including is formed as a locking retaining portion clip comprising a moving member having a first position for attaching the media device to a separate article and a second position for locking the media device to the article.

12. (Original) The media device of claim 11 wherein the electronic unit comprises a digital video device.

13. (Original) The media device of claim 12 wherein the digital video device comprises a digital camera.

14. (Original) The media device of claim 11 wherein the electronic unit comprises an audio device.

15. (Original) The media device of claim 14 wherein the audio device comprises an MP3 player.

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16. (Original) The media device of claim 11 wherein the electronic device comprises a flash memory.

17. (Original) The media device of claim 11 wherein the locking retaining portion comprises a carabineer clip.

18. (Currently Amended) A portable media device comprising:
a portable housing including at least a portion of which is formed as a carabineer clip configured to lock the media device to a separate article;
a flash memory disposed in the housing;
a USB port coupled to the memory; and
a digital media device attached to said housing and coupled to the memory.

19. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein the digital media device comprises one of a digital camera or an MP3 player.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) The portable media device of claim 18 wherein the portion of the housing formed as a carabineer clip is detachable from a second portion of the housing.

22. (New) The portable media device of claim 21 wherein the portion of the housing formed as a carabineer clip is configured as a protective cover for the USB port.